

Cellular phone usage on aircraft operating under Federal Air Regulations Part 121, 125 and 135 should be restricted to usage while the aircraft is on the ground, or should be allowed only by Personnel in the Cockpit. Usage should not be allowed by passengers. This restriction should not be based upon technical reasons, but for the potential disruption of aircraft operations, and maintaining order while in flight. Aircraft are already overcrowded and severely confined spaces, usage of cellular phones will only exacerbate an already tense situation. Flight attendants will see an increase in disruptive passengers and personal assaults, air marshalls will be additionally taxed in maintaining order, which will detract from their primary directive to safeguard aircraft. Many commercial airlines have an airphone which provides the ability to make calls if needed. Confrontation between passengers and with aircraft personnel will increase.